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IN CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH MIKOYAN AT CAMBODIAN RECEPTION LAST NIGHT HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS HAVING BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED WITH PERSONALITY OF MACMILLAN. HE SAID THERE WAS STRONG RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN MACMILLAN AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ON THE ONE HAND AND BETWEEN LLOYD AND SECRETARY DULLES ON THE OTHER, FIRST TWO BEING MORE BROADMINDED AND FLEXIBLE, BUT WENT ON TO INDICATE HE HAD CONSIDERABLE RESPECT FOR ABILITIES OF DULLES AND LLOYD. HE SAID REAL STUMBLING BLOCK WAS ADENAUER. HE REFERRED TO CROWDS THAT HAD TURNED OUT FOR KHRUSHCHEV ON HIS CURRENT VISIT TO EAST GERMANY AND ALLEGING THIS WAS NOT DUE TO ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES SAID THEY WERE NOT THERE AS COMMUNISTS BUT PEOPLE WHO WANTED PEACE. HE SAID ADENAUER DID NOT REALLY WANT GERMAN REUNIFICATION BECAUSE REUNIFIED GERMANY WOULD BE SOCIALIST. HE ADDED THAT ADENAUER WAS ALSO OPPOSED ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS AND REPEATED HIS STATEMENT TO SECRETARY DULLES THAT IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ADENAUER LATTER HAD NOT EVEN RAISED PROBLEM OF REUNIFICATION. HE ALSO REFERRED TO INFLUENCE OF PEOPLE LIKE GTO STRAUSS. I SAID THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION BUT THAT ADENAUER WAS MAN OF PEACE BUT HE WOULD NOT BE THERE FOREVER AND IF THEY CONTINUED TO KEEP GERMANY DIVIDED THERE WAS DANGER THAT A DIFFERENT TYPE OF GERMAN MIGHT COME TO POWER SINCE THIS WAS ABNORMAL SITUATION WHICH GERMANS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED ACCEPT FOREVER. HE REPLIED THAT IN THIS EVENT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE POWER OF SUCH LEADER LIMITED TO WEST GERMANY THAN TO HAVE HIM IN CONTROL OF ALL GERMANY. IN ANY EVENT IT WAS UP TO GERMANS TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM. WHEN I SAID HE

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COULD NOT SERIOUSLY EXPECT A MAN LIKE ULBRICHT TO MAKE MEANINGFUL AGREEMENTS WITH WEST GERMANS ON REUNIFICATION HE SAID "OF COURSE WE WOULD HAVE TO HELP THEM BUT THEY MUST START BY TALKING TO EACH OTHER."

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